

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides a video decoding apparatus which exerts a control so as not to display unnatural pixel values when a stream having no pixel value but only shape values is decoded. A decoder Dec1 decodes a video stream Str. When the video stream Str includes only the shape, object non-display information Boly indicates "non display". Otherwise, the object non-display information Boly indicates "display". When the object non-display information Boly indicates "non display", a switch SW0 selects a shape value which does not display the color, obtained from the shape value generator GEN1, i.e., a shape value Aval indicating that this pixel is transparent and other videos are displayed as they are at the composition.

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